

JOINT DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our respective names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled BUSINESS METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING ON-LINE CHECK, ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING, the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a).

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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